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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR

Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense
Director, Agency for International
Development
Director, Central Intelligence
Agency
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Administrator, National Aeronautics
and Space Administration
Director, Office of Emergency Planning
Director, U. S. Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency

Security of Classified Information

It is imperative that every possible precaution is taken to insure that classified information, whether documentary in character or not, does not pass to those not entitled to receive it. Carelessness in this regard on the part of anyone in your organization can endanger the lives of American servicemen and the safety of other American citizens as well.

You are directed to review security measures and practices in your Department or Agency to make certain that everything possible is done to maintain the integrity of classified information and that all persons having access to classified material have been fully cleared through appropriate procedures. In addition, similar precautions are to be taken whenever you or one of your subordinates testifies before a congressional committee in executive session in relation to classified matter. More particularly, you or your subordinate should satisfy himself that everyone present or able to read the testimony to be given, except members of Congress, has a security clearance commensurate with the highest classification of the information that may possibly come up for discussion.

Lyndon B. Johnson /s/